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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, October 23rd, 1893.

An interesting correspondence has been proceeding in the Times, initiated by Mr. M'Cormick, on the subject of Missionaries in China. Without entering on the general question of missions and the difficulties to which they give rise it may be useful to direct attention to the very pitiful defence of the gunboat policy advanced by Professor DOUGLAS. The experiment of applying to China the diplomatic system in vogue in London and Paris has, the Professor concedes, proved a failure. Instead of being able to induce the Chinese Government to extend more certain protection than was formerly assured to the lives and property of foreigners residing within the empire under the terms of the Treaties, outrages have of late years increased in frequency and violence. Mission premises have been destroyed; missionaries and their wives have been subjected to gross ill-treatment; and, as is only too well known, have been brutally murdered. If, as the apologists of the Government contend, the Government is unable to enforce its decrees for the protection of foreigners in the provinces, than, Professor DOUGLAS argues, it is time we changed the venue and dealt directly with those provincial authorities in whose hands the power rests, whereas, on the other hand, if the Government is acting in ill faith, as Professor DOUGLAS believes and of which there can be little doubt, the only resource left is the law of retribution. "Mr. M'Cormick" he says, "considers that such a system is outside the range of practical politics. I do not see why it should be. Our experience, on the contrary, has shown that it is a prominently effective weapon with a people like the Chinese, who throughout their whole history have yielded readily without resentment to force majeure." Mr. H. N. Lay, who has taken a principal part in the correspondence, seems to be of the same opinion as Professor DOUGLAS. He points to the fact that the riots of 1891-92 were staved off the moment it was found that Lord SALISBURY was not to be wheeled into cancelling Sir F. G. EICHENHORN's orders to fire on any mob threatening a foreign settlement. "These murderous attacks," Mr. Lay says, "will continue so long as we permit them. They are deliberately planned in order to hearten the native population against the foreigner, to inspire them friendly disposed though they are, with hatred and contempt of us, and to show by practical demonstrations that we are not in the least to be feared. As far as the only motive which the outlaws of the Oriental underworld stands, it will be our wisdom to be beforehand with the Chinese Government." These sentiments will be endorsed in the main by

almost every one who has any experience of the Chinese. Disastrous as it may be to send the gunboat to support the missionary of a religion which discontents appeal to the sword, regard for the common safety demands that murder and outrage should not be allowed to go unpunished. And, in most cases it is only a display of firmness, rather than any actual use of force, that is required. Had due reparation for the outrages of 1891-92 been insisted upon in the time it would have been made and we would not have had the recrudescence of hostility to foreigners that has recently taken place. But the firm attitude that was assumed was, unfortunately, not long maintained, but speedily gave place to the customary complaisance, with the result that has unfortunately become too familiar.

Mr. J. F. Alfred has been appointed a Justice of the Peace.

The steamer *Gulf of Turcua*, from New York, left Singapore on the 21st inst. for this port. The fee of \$1 for the registration of births was reduced in the case of soldiers to ten cents.

A steamer load of earthworks was left in Amoy and Kulangsu at about half past two o'clock on the morning of the 16th inst.

The arguments in the Chakia-Zouma case in the Supreme Court at Shanghai were concluded on the 14th inst. judgment being reserved.

M. Rolla-Jacques has entered an action for libel in H. B. M. Consular Court at Bangkok against Mr. J. J. Little, Editor of the *Siam Free Press*. \$500 damages are claimed.

A new taxation of the rateable tenements in the City of Victoria, the Hill District, Kowloon Point, Hungshau and Kaimai for the year commencing the 1st July, 1894, is to be made.

Mr. Henry Edgar, at present Comptroller of Customs at Teluk, has been transferred to Foochow, and is to be succeeded at Teluk by Mr. Francis W. White, at present Comptroller at Pakho.

The N. D. steamer *Bayern*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 25th September, left Singapore on Friday at 3 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Wednesday, the 23rd instant.

A company of artillery for the Macao garrison consisting of six officers and forty-two men, who have come out via Manila, arrived here on Saturday morning by the steamer *Zigaro* and left in the afternoon by the Macao boat.

The following constitute the Shanghai cricket team who have gone to Kobe:—Messrs. P. J. Abbott, H. Adams, W. Bates, R. Carr, J. C. Haines, F. C. Haffer, R. MacGregor, J. Mann, H. Sawyer, S. Wallace, and A. P. Wood (aspin).

Professor Max gave his farewell performance on Saturday evening at West Point, to a very good audience. The daring feats, which were performed without any hitch or accident, excited frequent applause. The exhibition now proceeds to Macao.

The members of the Club Economic gave a series of formal dances on Saturday evening in honour of Mr. J. M. Xavier, who had won the billiard championship. In recognition of his victory Mr. Xavier was presented with a diamond ring.

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"Mors of Vita" was produced at the Albert Hall, and a second performance, by special command of the Queen, who was present, took place in Feb. 1893. M. Gounod's latest opera is "Charlotte Corday."

## CANTON NOTES.

From the "CHUNG HOI SAN PO." On the 8th instant the successful candidates in the Ku-ku examination assembled in the Governor's yamen and received their degrees. The Governor commenced the ceremony at 8 o'clock by putting some golden flowers in their hats.

On the night of the 15th instant, at Fung-ha, a local official was robbed by a gang of bandits. The soldiers in the vicinity had a struggle with them, but they got the worst of it and the result was that seven of them were wounded. A large sum of money was taken away. A house in the neighbourhood was looted at the same time.

On the 18th instant an explosion took place at the Siu-hung village in the Panyu district. It appears that the accident was caused by a boy of seven years of age who, while playing with another boy when his mother was out, collected some waste paper and burned it. The house was set on fire and the boy, who was the only one who had seen the accident, stayed there until the fire was put out. The boy was then carried to the hospital, where he was wounded.

Several days ago four boats, trading between Canton and some villages belonging to Nanchuan, while carrying about 100 passengers, most of them soldiers who had been "compiling" in the Yamen, were set on fire by a boy at Nanchuan. The robbers, who had been looting all the five vessels of the passengers, but one of them left his weapon behind when being pursued by the boatmen. The weapon had the name of its owner engraved on it and by this proof the Numbered Magistrate, to whom the case was reported, secured the arrest of some of the robbers.

## NOTES FROM THE NORTH.

A large part of the village of Siaowai was burnt down on Sunday night, killing 12 persons.

We are glad to be able to state that the China Merchants' Company will continue to receive and forward letters and mails by their steamers as heretofore, until further notice.

It has been noticed that there has not been a single day to fix at Shanghai, since the Customs' men's strike began to go. The Chinese say that it is the English who are to blame, at which he regards as the initiation of the Bond, and he will not allow a fire to cause his bell to ring as long as the bell in the Customs' tower continues to function.

Two gentlemen, very well-known Shanghai residents, were proceeding down the Szechow River in a boat on Sunday evening (15th Oct.), their boat struck a rock by a steam launch with a son of the English in command, and one of the passengers was knocked overboard. He was rescued by his friend, who then boarded the launch and insisted on her returning to Shanghai, in order that the necessary reparation might be made. The master is being held responsible by the son of the English and the Missed are now missing.

According to native reports from Ningpo, a natural phenomenon has been lately at a place called Chingchuan, opposite Poo-tung. This is the blossoming and flowering of innumerable peach and plum trees at that place, the fruit of which is famous throughout the country around. At the proper time, in the course of next year, for propagation, to blossom is the common custom of Spring. Those who have seen it have said that Chinese for the purpose of witnessing the unusual sight, are exceedingly anxious to learn the reason of the phenomenon.

The coffin of a recently deceased village tailor living just north of Siaowai, which was placed in a boat and sent to the house of the deceased, took on the Sabbath, the last of October, according to native reports, any visible signs. The only explanation appears to be "spontaneous combustion" although unphilosophical to the average native mind, which insists on supernatural agency and the anger of the gods, as the reason of this unusual configuration. The half charred coffin and its inmate were hastily buried after the boat had been sent.

The body of a man, a candidate at the provincial examinations, was found floating in the Tsin-kuang river, at Nanking, lately. It was elicited at the inquest that the presumable reason of the ill-fated student's suicide was want of funds to return home after an unsuccessful competition. The unfortunate young man was said to have been a native of Nanking, and had to reach Nanking from his home in lower Kiangnan, and to keep body and soul together during the examinations, and trusted to having made a clausa for further funds to return home.

Through Peking advice we learn that the Palace Trouper actor, Siao Mu, has already arrived in the capital and will turn over to the "work" of the Imperial Household Department, by the Shanghai Tao-tai's deposit, the sum which was sent by the Court to be assigned three months and to forfeit one year's pay. With reference to the above, our readers will remember that the actor, Siao Mu, was the man who stole down from Peking to this port, three months ago without permission of the Tao-tai, in charge of the Imperial Trouper, and obtained quite a large sum of money by playing before a foreign audience. The news of his arrival, however, got to Peking, a despatch from the Imperial Household Department to the Shanghai Tao-tai soon caused his return North under escort, with the foregoing result—N. C. Daily News.

## CAPTAIN BARKER AND THE FIRING ON THE COAL BOATERS.

The officer in command of the military who fired on the coal rioters at Foothstone, by which two men were killed, was Captain Barker, of the 1st Battalion, Royal Staffordshire Regiment, formerly aide-de-camp to his father, General Barker, a brigadier.

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FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING"

having arrived from the above ports. Consignees are requested to inform us that their Goods will be delivered from shore.

Consignees are requested to remain on board after the 20th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Wanchoo Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Wanchoo.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & CO.,

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Hongkong, 18th October, 1893.

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**NOTICE**

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex

S.S. "Cawnpore" and "Bremen", from

Bordeaux ex S.S. "Bremen", in connection with

above Steamer, are hereby informed that their

Goods, with the exception of Opium, Tobacco,

and Tea, will be landed at the Wanchoo Wharf and

Godown, and will be sent to the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Wanchoo, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Opium cargo will be forwarded on unless

intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 P.M. on TUESDAY (WEDNESDAY), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undesignated.

Goods remaining undelivered after WEDNESDAY, the 25th inst., at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 25th inst. (WEDNESDAY), or they will not be paid here.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on

TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

**G. DE CHAMPEAUX,**

Agent.

Hongkong, 18th October, 1893.

**TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX. S. O. S. CO. S.S. "PRIM" FROM LIVERPOOL.**

**SHIPPING** Orders must be obtained from the Undesignated not later than the 25th inst., for shipment per steamer "A.JAX".

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.

Hongkong, 19th October, 1893.

**FROM HAMBURG, PENANG, AND SINGAPORE.**

THE Steamship

"GERDA,"

Captain J. Ehlers, having arrived from the above ports. Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undesignated and to take immediate delivery of their goods from shore.

Optical cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary, is given before Noon.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the goods have been landed and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 26th inst. at 4 P.M.

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**VESSEL ON THE BERTH**

FOR YOKOHAMA AND HIROGO.

"GERDA,"

Captain J. Ehlers, will be despatched for the above Ports to-DAY, the 25th inst., at 4 P.M.

This Steamer will be available for Accommodation for Firemen and Second Class Passengers and carries a Doctor and a Surgeon.

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